



# PRESIDENT'S BULLETIN

March 15, 2018

TO BCC STAFF, FACULTY, AND ADMINISTRATION |  
FROM PRESIDENT ROWENA M. TOMANENG

## COLLEGE UPDATES

As we approach mid-semester, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and say farewell to three members of our community who have shaped Berkeley City College as we know it today--a place of academic excellence.

First, **Theresa Rumjahn, Web Content Developer**, has retired after 11 years of service to BCC. We are appreciative for Theresa's contribution to the College and the numerous ways she improved the BCC experience for faculty, staff, administration, and students. She was unbelievably responsive to requests for support - no matter how simple or complex - and never communicated that someone's support needs were less of a priority than others. Theresa's communication-whether in person or through e-mail-was always clear, detailed and full of additional help tips.



Second, **Marilyn Clausen, Staff Assistant to Office of Instruction**, has retired after two and a half decades of service to BCC. Marilyn started in March, 1992. As Classified Staff President, she helped cut the ribbon when we opened the doors to BCC in 2006. For 26 years, she has put her heart and soul into supporting learning communities, including the Program for Adult College Education (PACE) program, for working adults. It has been truly rewarding to see so many PACE students walk the stage at graduation and later stop by Marilyn's office to share their continued educational and personal successes.

Third, **Jayne Matthews, Faculty in Business**, is retiring after 19+ years of service. She worked in the private Business sector before starting her community college faculty career at BCC (formerly Vista College) in 1999. She has been an active member of the faculty community, serving as department chair, Curriculum Committee chair, member of CIPD, on tenure review committees, etc. Jayne also updated the 2014 Peralta program and course approval manual.

BCC will sorely miss our wonderful colleagues, but we wish them well in their future endeavors!

### SABBATICAL UPDATE...

**Congratulations to Matthew Freeman, Political Science Faculty!** The Professional Development Committee has awarded him a sabbatical for Fall semester 2018.

Professor Freeman's project is titled *Digitizing Civic Education: Exploring the use of Apps, Simulations & Games in Political Science & Civic Engagement*. He will research how smart-phone applications, computer and console games & simulations can be used to impact civic education and participation at BCC. New course materials will be developed to increase access to civic learning through the use of new technologies and digitized "democracy" gaming.

### SABBATICAL UPDATE...

**Congratulations to Cleavon Smith, English Faculty!** The Professional Development Committee has awarded him a sabbatical for Fall semester 2018 and Spring semester 2019.

Professor Smith's project is titled *Increasing Classroom and Institutional Engagement While Avoiding Burnout*. His project will study faculty burnout, acknowledge the degree to which it exists at BCC, and invite colleagues to work together to develop resources and delivery methods (both formal and informal) for self-care, peer support, and mentoring in order to maintain the BCC culture of engagement with one another and our students.

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## 2018 President's Awards

**Congratulations to the following 2018 President's Award recipients!** Thank you to those who took time to nominate their colleagues. It was a pleasure to read about all of the good work being done on behalf of our students.

- \***Anthony Abuan**, Student Employee, English, Curriculum, and Student Learning Outcomes
- \***Jeejun Bertoso**, Staff Assistant, Student Services
- \***Azul Lewis**, Instructional Laboratory Assistant, Chemistry
- \***Gail Pendleton**, Coordinator, Assessment Center
- \***Alvin "Chris" Lebo-Planas**, Faculty, Learning Communities/PERSIST
- \***Shannon Penn**, Faculty, Learning Communities /PERSIST and UMOJA
- \***Susan Truong**, Faculty and co-Chair, Counseling

*The Office of the President will be hosting an Awards Ceremony and Reception during College Hour on Thursday, April 19, 2018 in the Atrium. All our welcome to celebrate and recognize our colleagues.*



## Newly Tenured Faculty

Congratulations to our newly Tenured Faculty. They have demonstrated excellence in teaching and service to our students!

- \***Windy Franklin**, Counseling, Disable Student Programs and Services
- \***Emie Mitsuno Hernandez**, Counseling, Transfer Center
- \***Aaron Mobley**, Music
- \***Shawn McDougal**, Mathematic
- \***Ari Krupnik**, Philosophy
- \***Wayne Alejandro Wolbert**, Ethnic Studies

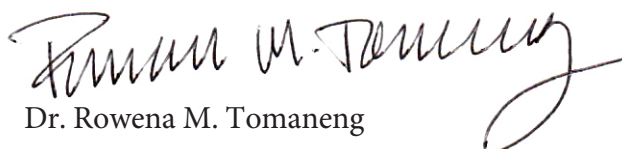
*The Office of Instruction will be hosting a reception on Friday, April 20, 2018. Location and time TBA.*

## BCC Selected as Voter Friendly Campus



Appreciation goes out to professor Matthew Freeman and Director Andre Singleton for their successful submission of BCC's application to The Voter Friendly Campus designation program! Started through the partnership of Campus Vote Project and NASPA in 2016, the goal of the program is to help institutions develop plans to coordinate administrators, faculty, and student organizations in civic and electoral engagement.

*IN COMMUNITY SPIRIT*

  
Dr. Rowena M. Tomaneng